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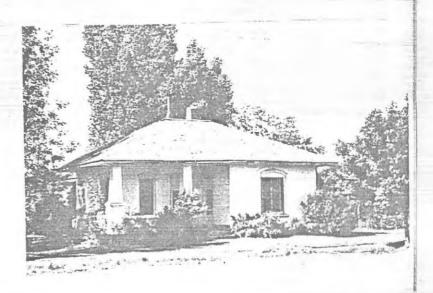
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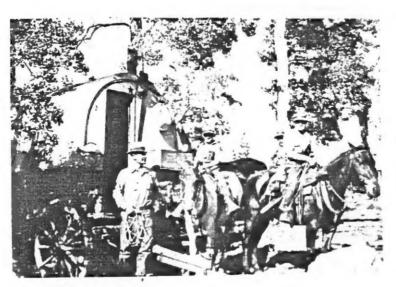
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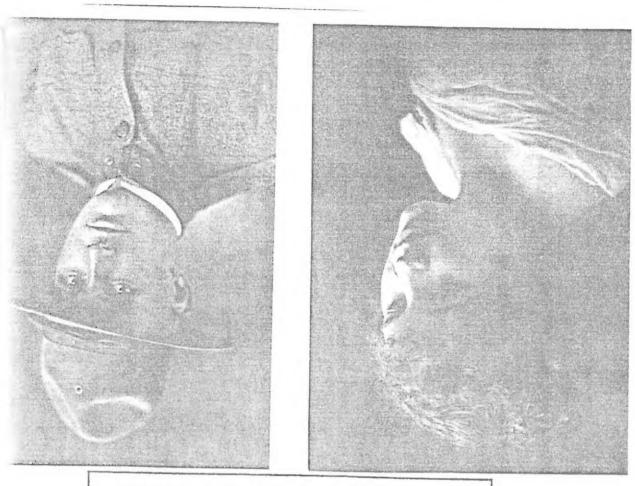
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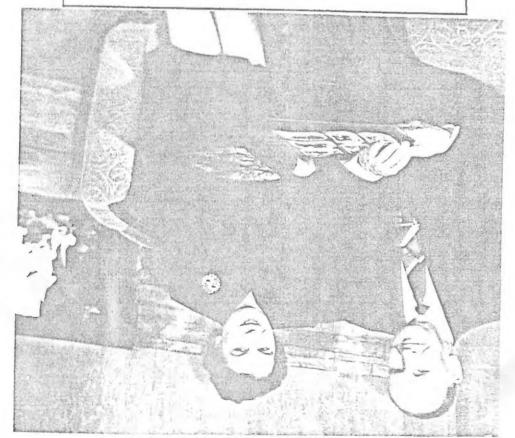
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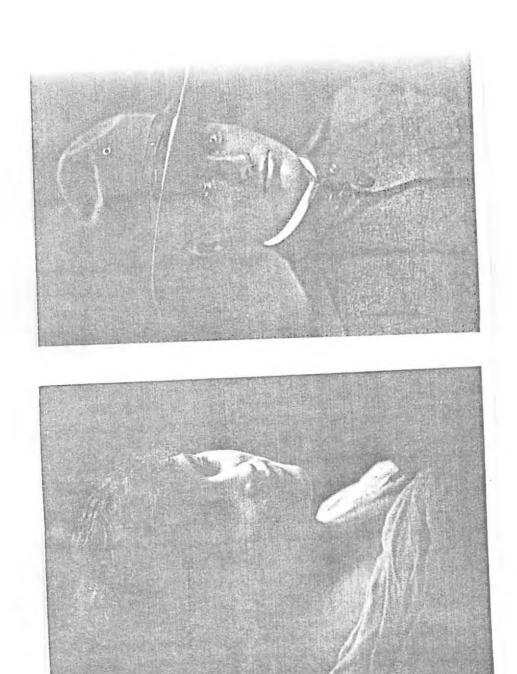
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a Dr. Eyliff had come from Salt Lake City to spread the Methodist cause and conduct meetings. However, there was little response to his message and this only non-LDS venture in the valley collapsed. Members of the Second Ward bought the land, while members of the Center Creek Ward purchased the building and moved it to their community.

With property now available, Bishop Rasband called a group of brethren in the fall of 1913 to take their teams into Strawberry Valley and obtain lumber for the proposed building project. It was late in the fall when they got started, and they worked waist-deep in the snow at times, but stayed on the job until they had enough lumber to build forms for the foundation of the building.





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Maron R. Hiatt



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equipment available to them, but it was limited in many ways. In 1888, about a year before Heber was organized as a township, William Buys. Wasatch County surveyor, checked the city and found it was "crooked."

His field notes record an entry on June 12, 1888 as follows:

"Made a preliminary survey of Main Street and the street running East and West North of Public Square known as Bk. 90.

"Find that the streets do not run at right angles.